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For Producing Hydrogen Rich Gas

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 15, 2004. The Notice indicated that a complete listing of claims with the proper status identifiers had not been included with the amendment mailed on May 27, 2004. The receipt of this Notice brought to light an error in the claim numbering that dates back to the Request for Continued Prosecution filed by Applicant on November 13, 2003. In a preliminary amendment filed with that RCE, four new claims were added that were erroneously numbered as claims 13, 14, 15, and 16. These new claims should have properly been numbered as claims 25, 26, 27, and 28, respectively, as reflected on the enclosed Listing of Claims.

An office action was mailed on January 30, 2004 that contained a rejection of claims 13 and 15 and objections to claims 14 and 16. The amendment filed on May 27, 2004 was responsive to that office action. In a brief telephone interview with the examiner on July 6, 2004, it was recommended that Applicant re-file this amendment, including a corrected listing of claims, in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. To this end, this document contains a corrected listing of the claims that is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment as well as the amendments and remarks that are responsive to the office action that was mailed on January 30, 2004. It should be noted that the remarks concerning the rejection and objections to claims 13, 14, 15, and 16 have been modified to refer to the correct claim numbers, 25, 26, 27, and 28, respectively. Applicant sincerely apologizes for any confusion that may have resulted from this error and extends his gratitude to the examiner and the Office for their assistance in correcting the error.

This Response is filed within the time period set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 15, 2004 and as such no fees or extension of time are believed to be required. Should any fees be required for entry and consideration of this Response, the Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-1620 for such required fees.

This listing of claims that follows will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: